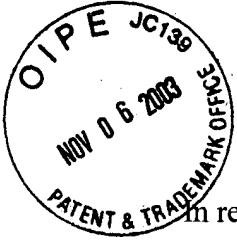


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Applicant received a first Office Action in the above-identified application, dated October 6, 2003, in which no indication of acknowledgment of Applicant's Claim To Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 was provided.

In this regard, a Claim To Priority was filed in the Patent Office on February 12, 2001, together with certified copies of Japanese Patent Applications Nos. 11-165942, 11-187938 and 11-187937. Enclosed is a copy of the postcard receipt bearing a Patent and Trademark Office mailroom stamp acknowledging the filing of the foregoing papers.

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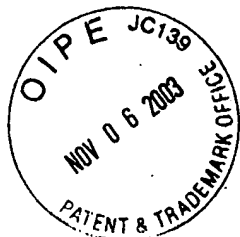
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